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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2004 Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374A

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Brad Nuremberg, Chairperson
John Hybarger

STAFF PRESENT

Martha Littlefield
Gene Romig

OTHERS PRESENT

There were none.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nuremberg called the meeting to order as a committee of the whole at 6:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2003 MINUTES

This item was continued to the next meeting

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

This item was continued to the next meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This item was continued to the next meeting.

DEPREDATION PERMIT ALLOWING FOR THE TAKING OF THE LAST MALE MOUNTAIN LION IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

Staff reported Seth Riley of the National Parks Service provided an update reporting that they are currently tracking three mountain lions, two located in the Santa Monica Mountains and one is in Simi Hills. A ten day predation permit was issued to the landowner to hunt the last male mountain lion in the Santa Monica Mountains who had killed eight goats in a two day period. The lion was scared out of range by dogs and the permit expired. So this is no longer an issue since the landowner only wanted to stop the lion from further damage not kill it and that this was accomplished. The landowner and the Mountain Lion Foundation are working together to protect the livestock in the area by building pens, etc. Additionally, authorities captured and updated the female mountain lion's collar since it was about to expire. Regarding breeding, the male and female have been near each other but there has been no result in a year and a half which is unusual. The critical survival issue is maintaining the corridors between the Santa Monica Mountains, Simi Hills and the Santa Suzanna Mountains. The Santa Suzanna Mountains have large burn areas that are still being assessed. He thinks the lion population is so small that it has

no effect on the deer population.

Commissioners requested staff invite Seth Riley to attend and provide an update on mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains.

MATTERS NOT POSTED (TO BE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

Staff presented two recommendations from a public individual. The first dealt with the insertion of chemicals to the park lakes for algae control and the effect on the fish population when restocking is done at the same time. The second issue dealt with the usage of trout shelters to combat issues arising from an increased commorant population. **Chairperson Nuremberg requested both issues be placed on the next agenda.**

Discussion regarding the wild trout issue, additional topics for the annual May conference including requesting Patti Wolf's and Sonke Mastrup's attendance.

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 26th or March 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.